

## Minutes of the Wright State University Retirees Association Board of Directors Meeting

October 5, 2011

Present: Marlene Bireley, Gary Pacernick, Gerry Petrak, Paul Wolfe, Mary Kenton, Judy Rose, Leone Low, Lew Shupe, Carole Stevenson, Gary Barlow, Abe Bassett, Bob Wagley, Don Swanson, James Uphoff, Amy Hopkins

The Minutes of the September meeting were approved with the addition that an expenditure of up to \$150 was approved for the Health Fair.

President James Uphoff delayed his report until later.

President Elect Gary Pacernick read a poem.

Secretary Leone Low had no report.

Treasurer Carole Stevenson gave the yearend report: The Dues Account balance was \$10,290, and the University Account balance was a negative \$905. The amount for student wages, telephone, postage and printing was \$4800. The University funding allocated for this year is \$6246, leaving us with \$5341 after adjusting for the negative balance. \$1700 has been budgeted from the Dues Account. A reusable sign for the Health Fair cost \$77. \$148 of the \$150 allocated for the Health Fair was spent. Most of the items for the raffle were donated. The final report of the ad-hoc budget analysis committee is complete, but individual copies are not yet available.

Lew Shupe recommended that Carole be commended. The Board applauded.

Communications Coordinator Marlene Bireley reported that the WSURA Office hours are MWF 2:45-6:45, W 10-12, TTh 4-7.

Amy Hopkins reported for Past President Peggy Bott that web site updating is continuing.

The September picnic was a well attended and successful activity.

Judy Rose said that she would be unable to attend the November and December meetings, but that members should keep the spring election nominations in mind.

Lew Shupe reported that Pablo Banko obtained a remote interview of Nick Piediscalzi. Later Nick's grandson talked with Nick and sent a disc of that conversation. Lew is working on how interview additions can be added for other retirees.

Membership Development Chair Gerry Petrak said that the scholarship recipients could not come to the Health Fair, but that WSURA volunteers will staff the table.

Scholarship Chair Paul Wolfe reported that the \$1200 scholarship recipient will attend the December meeting and luncheon.

Sunshine Committee Chair Marlene Bireley sent cards to the families of Oris Carter Cross and Cy Laughter.

Mary Kenton reported on the Athletic Council meeting. The WSU basketball team played 4 professional teams in Italy. The major question arising from the Horizon League meeting was whether Butler would move to another conference or stay. The WSU club bowling teams receive good publicity. The club football team has approximately 60 members. They have to buy their own equipment and pay \$200 to participate. The new field's cost of \$4,000,000 was covered by a \$1,000,000 Rentzler gift and a bond for the remainder. In addition to providing facilities for club football, there are restrooms for softball, etc.

Gary Barlow said that WSURA would donate \$100 for a general engineering book in Nick Davis's memory. He also would like for the Board to consider whether or not Liaisons could be voting members.

**Room 315, Library will be the site of the next WSURA meeting on November 2. A normal business meeting will be held from 10 to 11 and Sue Palenka will speak from 11 to 12.**

Bob Wagley met with International Advising. He learned that there is a 40% increase in foreign students, with more Saudis and Kuwaitis and fewer Indians among the 777 enrollees. They are from 61 different countries, and the mix has increased at the graduate level.

James Uphoff handed out League of Women Voters literature.

The meeting adjourned.

**The next meeting is Wednesday in room 315 Library at 10 am.**